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AGENCY: Department of State

ACTION: Notice of final Public Meeting in Washington D.C. for the Proposed
Keystone XL Project

SUMMARY: Following the release of the final Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Keystone XL pipeline, Executive Order 13337 calls on the Secretary of State, or her designee, to determine if issuance of a Presidential Permit to the applicant would serve the national interest. This decision on the application will take into account a wide range of factors, including environmental, economic, energy security, foreign policy, and pipeline safety concerns. No decision will be made until the completion of this thorough review process. The Department expects to make a decision on whether to grant or deny the Permit before the end of the year.

As part of the review and analysis of the national interest, on August 26, 2011 the U.S. Department of State announced public meetings to be held along the proposed pipeline route in the Federal Register on pages 53525 and 53526 (volume 76, number 166). These meetings will provide opportunities for the public to comment on the project and the comments will be considered in the final decision. In

addition to these meetings along the pipeline route, a final meeting will be held in Washington D.C.

Friday, October 7, 2011

Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center
Atrium Hall
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, District of Columbia 20004

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS

SPEAKERS: All members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings and state their comments for the administrative record. Persons who want to speak at the meeting will need to sign up in person at the entrance of the meeting venue and be given a number. The order of speakers will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis, according to the sign-up sheet. Those wishing to speak must be present when their name or number is called or they will forfeit their time.

COMMENTS: Remarks made at the meetings will be recorded, transcribed, and entered into the administrative record for the State Department's consideration of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline. Each speaker will be allowed 3-5 minutes to make remarks, depending on the number of people who sign up to speak. Speakers will be asked to state their name and any organization with which they are affiliated.

Depending on attendance, it may not be possible for all those who sign up to have the opportunity to speak. The State Department encourages individuals who do not have the opportunity to speak or who are unable to complete their comments in the

allotted time to submit comments on the national interest determination in written form. A State Department official will be available to accept written comments, and a summary of all comments will be incorporated in the record of decision for the proposed Keystone XL pipeline. The Department will also accept written comments on the national interest determination beginning on the date the final Environmental Impact Statement is issued. In order to ensure that comments are processed and considered before the decision is made on the permit application, all comments must be submitted by midnight on October 9, 2011.

PURPOSE: These meetings are an opportunity for the public to express views on all aspects of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline. Participants are encouraged to recount information illustrating their view about whether the issuance of a Presidential Permit for the Keystone XL pipeline project is in the U.S. national interest.

PRESIDING OFFICER: The meetings will be chaired by a senior official from the U.S. Department of State. At the beginning of the meeting, the presiding officer will explain the status of the application for the permit and the Department's process for making a decision on the Permit, but will not answer questions. The presiding officer or an assistant will announce the name of each speaker from the sign-up list.

PROTOCOL: We ask attendees to respect the meeting procedures in order to ensure a constructive information gathering session. No signs or banners will be allowed inside the meeting venue. The presiding officer will use his/her discretion to conduct the meeting in an orderly manner.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: A comprehensive description of the proposed Project and up-to-date information regarding the public meetings are available at www.keystonepipeline-xl.state.gov. The final Environmental Impact Statement, including a summary of public comments received during two prior public comment periods, will also be available online.

Comments can be submitted by the following methods: online at www.keystonepipeline-xl.state.gov; e-mail at keystonexl-nid@cardno.com; fax at 206-269-0098; or mailed to the following address:

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As noted above, in order for comments to be considered they must be submitted by midnight on October 9, 2011.

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